

Historical Events

This is an abbreviated roster of historical events that significantly influenced the course of Indian destiny.

<i>Pre-Constitutional</i>	
1492	Arrival of Columbus to the New World
1607	Jamestown was founded
1620	Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock
1622	First major Indian retaliation
1744	The Treaty of Lancaster
1775	American Revolutionary War begins
1776	US Declaration of Independence
1778	First treaty between US and Indians
1783	American Revolutionary War ends
<i>Formative Years</i>	
1803	US Louisiana purchase for \$15 million
1824	BIA established under Dept. of War
1830	Indian Removal Act
1848	First gold strike in the West
1854	Indian Appropriation Act
1861	Civil War begins
1862	Railroad Act
1865	Civil War Ends
1868	Fort Laramie peace conference
1871	Treaties end between US & Indians
<i>Allotments and Assimilations</i>	
1887	General Allotment Act (Dawes Act)
1917	US enters World War I
1919	World War I ends with Treaty of Versailles
1924	Indian Citizenship Act
<i>Indian Reorganization</i>	
1941	US enter World War II after Pearl Harbor attack
<i>Termination</i>	
1944	National Congress of American Indians
1945	World War II ends with the atomic bomb
1947	Indian Claims Commission Act
1948	Indians allowed to vote in Arizona
1953	Liquor Prohibition repealed for Indians.
<i>Self-determination</i>	
1962	Indians allowed to vote in New Mexico
1968	Indian Civil Rights Act
1972	Indian Education Act
1975	Indian Self-Determination Act
1978	American Indian Religious Freedom Act
1988	Indian Gaming Regulatory Act